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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/LEBANON: DUTCH WELCOME UNSCR 1701

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Classified By: POLCOUNS ANDREW J. SCHOFER FOR REASONS 1.4 (B,D).

[1](#)1. (C) Acting Dutch MFA Political Director Wim Geerts told POLCOUNS August 12, in response to ref a points, that the Dutch welcomed UNSCR 1701 and would actively seek opportunities to demonstrate this support publicly. This is consistent with comments Foreign Minister Bot made to Ambassador Arnall on August 10 (ref b.) Geerts said the MFA had prepared points for the Foreign Minister to use with the press and parliament along the following lines:

- The Dutch welcome the resolution and believe it forms a good basis for reaching stability and security for Lebanon and Israel;
- It is important for both the Lebanese and Israeli governments to accept and begin to implement the resolution;
- The resolution should be implemented as soon as possible; and
- All interested parties need to actively support implementation of the resolution.

[1](#)2. (C) POLCOUNS separately passed points and draft texts to the office of Prime Minister Balkenende and to the MFA's North America desk.

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